



Tennessee Crop Weather

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SCATTERED THUNDERSHOWERS HINDER FIELDWORK

Last week’s weather fell into a typical summertime pattern with scattered thundershowers popping up across the state. These showers provided significant moisture to some areas, while leaving others completely dry. Wheat producers were busy trying to wrap up harvest and start late double-crop soybean planting. Tobacco growers made some progress topping their tobacco. High Temperatures caused stress among livestock and sent animals searching for shade. There were 5.3 days suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 12 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 15 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 9 percent short, 78 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

CROP PROGRESS					CONDITION					
Crop	This Week	Last Week	2018	5 Year Avg.	Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Percent					Percent					
Corn – Silking	66	52	80	69	Corn	1	3	17	57	22
Corn – Dough	17	5	22	9	Cotton	4	11	24	46	15
Cotton – Squaring	54	45	79	66	Soybeans	2	4	17	58	19
Cotton – Setting Bolls	6	1	18	11	Tobacco	2	9	45	32	12
Soybeans – Planted	97	94	98	95	Pasture	1	6	27	57	9
Soybeans – Emerged	90	85	95	90						
Soybeans – Blooming	24	17	39	27						
Soybeans – Setting Pods	3	N/A	9	4						
Tobacco – Set	93	92	100	100						
Tobacco – Topped	9	4	4	N/A						
Winter Wheat – Harvested	98	91	97	93						

County Agent Comments

Wheat harvest will wrap up this week. Expect very late planted soybeans along the Mississippi River as some areas are still under water.
Mitch Pigue, Dyer County

The farmers in Fayette Co. have been busy spraying, cutting hay, and trying to finish wheat harvest. We have had a few pop up showers here and there.
Jeff Via, Fayette County

Hot days and warm nights in combination with scattered thunderstorms have crops looking very good. Soybean planting is practically complete. A good, general rain would push this crop way down the road.
Jeff Lannom, Weakley County

More rain equals more flooding issues. The producers here just can’t catch a break in the moisture. We received over six inches of rain on Sunday morning. If the fields ever get close to being dried out, they are just inundated with water again. Many of the low lying fields have flooded out spots where the crops just don't have the wet feet to sustain the water. The higher ground crops are thriving because of the rain and having the ability to drain all of the rain waters.
Amanda Mathenia, Perry County

Pop up showers, producing heavy rain at times, kept most of the field work to a minimum again this week. Some tobacco was topped and sucker control applied. A few acres of hay were cut.
Ronnie Barron, Cheatham County

Farmers had to deal with spotty pop up showers throughout the week which limited field work. Overall crop conditions look very good for early July.
Calvin C. Bryant, Lawrence County

We are to the point of needing rain. We have missed the showers for the most part. We have done some spraying and more 2nd cutting of hay has been done this week. Cattle are staying in the shade due to hot weather.
Larry Moorehead, Moore County

Scattered rain across the county. Some areas of the county are in need of rain while others have had sufficient amounts. Producers with irrigation systems are running them now.
Kevin Rose, Giles County

Spotty rains across the county with some folks "feast" and some folks "famine." "Feast" folks cannot get field work done and "famine" folks need rain. For some, hay harvest was way behind due to spotty rains. Pastures look good with summer grasses filling in. Hot weather stressing cattle with lots of time spent in the shade.

A. Ruth Correll, Wilson County

2.3 inches rain last weekend. No rain this week. Temps in 90s. Some 2nd cutting hay underway. Wheat harvest began this week.

John Goddard, Loudon County